

Qur'an, Bible, Islam Christianity, Vernon K. Robbins, Teacher/Organizer

April 15: Introduction to Muhammad, Islam, and the Qur'an

April 22: Discussion with Abbas Barzegar, Assistant Professor of Islam, Georgia State University

April 29: Discussion with Sarah Muwahidah, Ph.D. student, Graduate Division of Religion, Emory University

May 6: Jesus' Qur'an Family [Family of Imran]: Zechariah, Elizabeth, John the Baptist, Mary

May 13: The Qur'an and the Gospels of Luke and John

May 20: The Opening (Al Fatiha), Lord's Prayer, and John 17

Q 3:49-53: ⁴⁹The angel said to **Mary**, "GOD thus creates whatever He wills. To have anything done, He simply says to it, 'Be,' and it is.

Marcion: Wealthy ship-owner. Bishop's son. Born in **Pontus at Sinope**, a harbor city on the Black Sea where the **coastline extends east to harbor cities directly north of the Tigris-Euphrates region.**

Went to **Rome about 140 CE** and joined the Christian congregation there.

Excommunicated in July 144 CE.

Founded his own church, established a hierarchy of bishops, priests, and deacons. **Ten years after his excommunication:** "his church spread, 'over the whole of mankind'," said Justin Martyr.

Marcionite communities especially in **Syria** through the fifth century, and some were still in existence at the beginning of the Medieval Period.



Marcion's view: Christians should have only two "documents of faith."

Gospel: Luke

Apostle: 10 letters of Paul (not 1-2 Timothy, Titus, or Hebrews)

Tatian: Born in "land of Assyrians": **Tigris River east** to Media; **Armenia south** to Ctesiphon.

Diatessaron (ca. 180 CE): Harmony of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John

<p>QMaryam 19:16 And make mention of Mary in the Scripture, when she had withdrawn from her people to a chamber looking East, [19:17] And had chosen seclusion from them. Then We sent unto her Our Spirit and it assumed for her the likeness of a perfect man.</p>	<p>NTLuke 1:35 The angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore also the holy one who is born from you will be called the Son of God.</p>
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Maryam 19:29-33: ²⁹She pointed to him. They said, "How can we talk with an infant in the crib?" ³⁰(The infant spoke and) said, "I am a servant of GOD. He **has given me the scripture**, and has **appointed me a prophet**. ³¹"He made me blessed wherever I go, and **enjoined me to observe the Contact Prayers (Salat) and the obligatory charity (Zakat) for as long as I live**. ³²"I am to honor my mother; He did not make me a disobedient rebel. ³²And peace be upon me the day I was born, the day I die, and the day I get raised up."

Luke 24:44-45

⁴⁴ Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.'

⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures.

Luke 4:17-18

Jesus stood up to read, ¹⁷ and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: ¹⁸ 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor...

Five Pillars of Islam

1. Shahadah: Acceptance of Muhammad as God's Messenger
2. **Salat: Prayer**
3. **Zakat: Alms**
4. Sawm of Ramadan: Fasting
5. Hajj: Pilgrimage to Mecca

Prayer in Luke

3:21-22: Now when Jesus had been baptized and was **praying**, the heaven was opened, ²² and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

5:15-16: But now more than ever the word about Jesus spread abroad; many crowds would gather to hear him and to be cured of their diseases. ¹⁶ But he would withdraw to deserted places and **pray**.

6:12: Now during those days he went out to the mountain to **pray**; and he spent the night in **prayer** to God.

6:28: [Jesus said,] “Bless those who curse you, **pray** for those who abuse you.

9:18: Once when Jesus was **praying** alone, with only the disciples near him, he asked them, ‘Who do the crowds say that I am?’

9:28-29: Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to **pray**.²⁹ And while he was **praying**, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white.

11:1-2: He was **praying** in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, ‘Lord, teach us to **pray**, as John taught his disciples.’² He said to them, ‘When you **pray**, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come....

18:1: Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to **pray** always and not to lose heart.

19:45-46: Then Jesus entered the temple and began to drive out those who were selling things there;⁴⁶ and he said, ‘It is written, “My house shall be a house of **prayer**”; but you have made it a den of robbers.’

22:40-46: When he reached the Mount of Olives, he said to them, ‘**Pray** that you may not come into the time of trial.’⁴¹ Then he withdrew from them about a stone’s throw, knelt down, and **prayed**,⁴² ‘Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done.’⁴⁵ When he got up from **prayer**, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief,⁴⁶ and he said to them, ‘Why are you sleeping? Get up and **pray** that you may not come into the time of trial.’

Alms (Zakat) in Islam:

1. Must declare to God intention to give the Zakat.
2. The Zakat must be paid on the day it is due.
3. After the Offering, the payer must not exaggerate what has been given.
4. Payment must be “in kind”: Wealthy must pay 2.5%; Non-wealthy can pay in good deeds and good behavior toward others.
5. The Zakat must be distributed in the community from which it was taken.

Alms (giving to the poor) in Luke

Luke 6:20, 24, 30

²⁰ Then he looked up at his disciples and said: ‘Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God...²⁴ ‘But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation...³⁰ Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again.

Luke 16:19-31: Rich man and Lazarus

[**Qur’an 4:161**] And of their taking usury when they were forbidden it, and of their **devouring** people's wealth by false pretenses, We have prepared for those of them who disbelieve **a painful doom**.

NTLuke^{20:46} “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk in long robes, and love greetings in the marketplaces, the best seats in the synagogues, and the best places at feasts; ^{20:47} who **devour** widows' houses, and for a pretense make long prayers: these will receive **greater condemnation**.”

[4:162] But those of them who are firm in knowledge and the believers believe in that which is revealed unto thee, and that which was revealed before thee, especially the diligent in prayer and those who pay the poor-due, the believers in God and the Last Day. Upon these We shall bestow immense reward.